

China Economy: Technology, Growth and Global Connections (3 Credits)

中国经济：科技、增长与全球联系



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Synopsis	The course addresses China's economic and technological development in a global context, circa 1978 to the present. It examines major trends in the economy and society, including trends in income, the workforce, trade, foreign investment, and ownership (i.e., public vs. private.) The class presents China's progress and challenges in education, healthcare, family economics, environment and law. In all these topics, the course considers China's unique history and culture while also addressing the role of technology and global partnerships. The final week includes a trip to the Shanghai region to visit tech-related organizations.
Offering	2014 Summer Semester
Audience	Undergraduate and Graduate Students (all majors and all levels) with no prerequisites
Classroom	Room xxx, Teaching Bldg. No. XX, Peking University
Schedule	<u>Class</u> : 8-10 AM, M-F, July 7–25, 2014; <u>Final Exam</u> : No Exam

Objective To develop an understanding of the key trends, drivers, and challenges in China's unique and dynamic economy, in a global context.

- Topics**
1. China's "Opening" from 1978 and an Overview of the Chinese Government
 2. Rural-to-Urban Labor Migration and Export-led Development
 3. Reforms to State-owned Enterprises in China
 4. Economic Trends (GDP, trade, income, etc.)
 5. Education and Healthcare
 6. Family Economics (eldercare, single-child families, savings, etc.)
 7. Ownership Sectors (state, private, Sino-foreign joint ventures, foreign)
 8. China's Evolving Legal System; Internet and Media
 9. Foreign Investment in China
 10. Challenges in Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure
 11. Technology: Policies, Investments, and Global Partnerships

- References**
1. Sai Ding and John Knight, *China's Remarkable Economic Growth*, Oxford University Press, 2012. From Amazon \$30.
 2. Brantly Womack, editor, *China's Rise in Historical Perspective*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2010. Authors: Lowell Dittmer, Erica Downs, Mark Elvin, Joseph Esherick, Joseph Fewsmith, Barry Naughton, Dwight Perkins, Qin Yaqing, Evelyn Rawski, Keith Schoppa, Michael Swaine. Ebook from publisher \$26 or hardcopy from Amazon \$28.
 3. Other articles provided by instructor.

Grading	Individual Paper (5-7 pgs) and Presentation	30%
	Exam on July 18, 2014	30%
	Small Group Paper (5-7 pgs) and Presentation	30%
	Attendance and Participation	10%
	Total	100%